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Ministry of Music – Breathe, Listen and Notice

Introductions/Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Candles

### Movement One: BREATHE – Preparing the Way

Call to Worship

As Jesus drew near to the city,  
the crowd gathered with anticipation.

**We gather today with hearts open,  
ready to welcome the Holy One.**

Breathe in the Spirit of peace.

**Breathe out the noise of the world.**

Let us make space for God's presence, here and now.

**Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord!**

▲ We Sing – All Glory, Laud and Honour # 122

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God of parades and palm branches,  
We come with branches in hand,  
But also with hearts full of questions.**

**Help us to breathe deeply of your presence.  
Still our anxious minds.**

**Let this moment be holy ground  
As we prepare the way for Christ to enter in.**

***Silent Prayer...***

***We turn to you***

***Knowing that you understand us,  
Forgive us, and love us like a Mother,  
And so we pray with confidence and faith...***

**Our Father, who art in heaven**

**Hallowed be thy name**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

**On earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**And forgive us our trespasses**

**As we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**But deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

Ancient Words – Luke 19: 29–34

Reflection

Response



### Movement Two: LISTEN Hearing the Stones Cry Out

Ancient Words – Luke 19: 35–40

Reflection

Response

▲ We Sing – Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God # 356

Affirmation of Faith (Together)

**We believe that many years ago  
a peaceful parade wove its way  
through the streets of Jerusalem.**

**We believe that on that day  
the people cried out,  
longing and praying for a better world.**

**We believe that these longings  
came from a place of deep hope,  
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.**

**So we listen for the Spirit.  
We sing Hosanna.  
We pay attention.**

**For in between the silence and the song,  
we believe the Spirit is speaking.  
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Sing – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying # 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

### Movement Three: NOTICE Seeing What Others Miss

Contemporary Words – Jesus Christ, Superstar

Reflection

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### Commissioning and Blessing

Go now, having breathed in the Spirit,  
having listened for God's voice,  
and having noticed where Christ is already at work.

**We go with palms of hope,  
songs of justice,  
and hearts ready to follow.**

Even if the world tries to silence love—  
**We will not be silent.**

Go in peace.

**Hosanna! Amen!**

▲ We Sing – We Are Marching in the Light of God # 646

**We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching,  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.**

*(Dancing, singing, praying, marching)*

### Weaving our Prayers

*At any time, before, during, or after the service,  
you are invited to come forward  
and weave a ribbon in and out of the frame.  
Bring to God whatever is on your heart and mind.  
One ribbon on its own is easily broken,  
but woven together with others  
creates a strong fabric of belonging.*

*Liturgy – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

*Photo – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

*Affirmation of Faith – A Sanctified Art*

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